



Support staff votes to strike

The support staff of Ontario's 22 community colleges have voted in favor of a strike tentatively set for January 22.

The vote gives the union mandate to strike if there are no further negotiations.

"We'll negotiate," said Tom Allan, president of the Conestoga local of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union (OPSEU). "We're not taking a hard line on it."

Ninety-one per cent of the 4200 hundred members turned out for the province-wide vote on January 11, and according to the unofficial count, 80 per cent gave their approval. The contract requires that 50 per cent plus one vote is necessary to call a strike.

The 142 member Conestoga local had a 96 per cent turnout, with 50 per cent plus one vote.

"I was quite happy with it (the turnout)," said Allan, "it shows genuine concern on the part of the membership."

The final offer by the colleges was a 2.78 per cent increase retroactive to Sept. 1, 1978, and a six per cent increase from April 1, 1979. The union has accepted the 2.78 per cent increase because it is the maximum

allowable under the Anti-Inflation Board (AIB) guidelines, but Allan said that since the AIB guidelines were lifted January 1, they no longer apply.

The union's final offer is a 9.89 per cent pay and benefits package from Jan. 1 1979.

"The big issue is the January 1-April 1 difference in agreement," said Allan.

Another issue in the dispute is the final offer given by the college.

David Gross, Director of Personnel Services at Conestoga said that "they (the union) have never voted on our final offer," referring to the six per cent across the board increase.

Allan maintains that "the final offer we have is the one voted on November 16, which was the offer placed before the membership. It was a 2.78 per cent increase retroactive to September 1 1978 and a four per cent increase on April 1 1979. The membership rejected that offer on the November 16 vote.

In the event of a strike, Conestoga's 142 member support staff would be affected. The staff includes technologists, technicians, secretaries, clerks and library personnel.

John Reimer, Acting Dean of the Doon Campus of Conestoga College, said "all classes should go on as usual."

"If the strike actually happened, we may have to reduce library hours. We'll still be serving the vast majority of the students."

"We're going to do the best we can so that the education of the students isn't hurt," Reimer added.

He said that much of the internal functioning of the college, such as the cafeteria, cleaning services, garbage collection and snow-plowing are contracted out, so these won't be affected.

"No-one likes a strike," Reimer said. "We are colleagues and friends, so it is important to keep a good sense of humor and common sense."

A sensitive issue in the event of a strike is the fact that the union will assume in their support of the strikers.

David Gross has advised the faculty to be in the classrooms teaching.

"We would not normally require the faculty to take on additional responsibilities," he said, adding that any response by the faculty would be on an individual basis.

—Olav Sveta



College students may soon be without the services of their support staff, according to the result of the vote of January 11. Pictured above, a union member casts her vote.

Students pay more for less

OTTAWA (CUP)—Ontario students will pay higher fees for poorer facilities next year.

The Ontario government announced Jan. 5 that college students must pay 5.7 per cent more (or \$10 per term).

At the same time, government grants to universities and colleges will only increase about five per cent next year. In November, the annual inflation rate was 8.8 per cent.

This will mean universities will have to cut 250 to 380 staff next year, as well as reducing library and other services, according to a recent report by the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA).

The OCUA had recommended a \$67 million funding increase for

universities this fall, of which the government only granted \$41 million. According to OCUA head William Winegard, even the OCUA original recommendation would have meant severe restraint for universities.

In making the tuition announcement, the government said it was "temporary", and said final tuition structures would depend on the results of the P.S. Ross Report, to be released soon.

That report is expected to recommend unpegging of tuition across the province, leading to competition among universities and possible high increases at more prestigious institutions.

Support strike 'not outlandish'

OTTAWA (CUP)—As support staff at Ontario's 22 community colleges took a strike vote, student leaders at four of the colleges asked the Ontario government to accept the staffs bargaining position.

At a meeting Jan. 7, representatives from five colleges agreed to send letters to Ontario

colleges and universities minister Bette Stephenson urging her to accept the bargaining position of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

Four of the five representatives sent the letters, while one was waiting for response from students on his campus.

According to Bob Reid,

student president at Georgian College in Barrie, the letters were sent because "we feel what they're asking for is not outlandish."

"I've looked at both sides. From what I can see, the union has offered compromises, but the government has refused to budge."

"The union offered arbitration; the government refused. If it did that, it must feel its offer is not very sound."

On Jan. 5, the Ontario government announced it would only increase grants to colleges by 5.2 per cent, despite an annual inflation rate of 8.8 per cent in November.

The 4200 support staff voted Jan. 11 on their negotiators' unanimous recommendation of strike action. In dispute is wage increases, with the union

asking for a 10 per cent increase after Jan. 1 and the government offering six per cent.

According to Reid, the strike could shut down all of the colleges, because college teachers' contracts specify they will not be penalized for refusing to cross picket lines.

"If they refuse, they're legally protected, so they could close all the colleges down."

Other colleges will be asked to form a position on the possible strike at an Ontario colleges conference Jan. 20-21, Reid said. The meeting Jan. 7 was an organizing meeting for that conference.

Union representatives feel that support from college students is essential if the strike is to be short and successful.

Winter Carnival starts January 29

Conestoga's annual Winter Carnival happens on the Doon campus starting January 29.

The carnival, traditionally sponsored and arranged by the DSA and ASA offices, includes both indoor and outdoor activities.

This year the indoor

activities include a backgammon tournament, a snooker tournament, a table tennis tournament, a casino night, and a pub.

The backgammon tournament will take place in the cafeteria activities.

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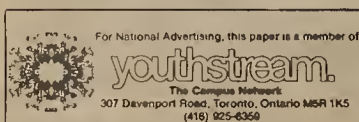
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Opinion

Point of clarification

Dear Mr. Editor, and Students of the College:

I would like to clear up some misunderstandings which appeared in this section of the last issue.

First, I would like to thank Will, Stuart, Brian, and Greg for their contribution to Spoke... however, their information regarding the Activities Chairperson is a little mixed up.

It started in April 1978 when the new executives and Board of Directors were finishing the year and preparing for the Fall of 1978. There were several changes in the executive of the DSA at that time. The duties of the pub manager were expanded into two positions— Pub Manager and Entertainment Coordinator. Also, an Activities Committee was formed by five very active members of the Board of Directors. This committee then selected a chairperson, Sue Daly.

It doesn't stop there. The chairperson then, following parliamentary procedures, had to be accepted by the Board of Directors. This occurred in mid-September 1978. This committee has been involved in providing entertainment for all students from the time the doors opened in September, and they will continue until the doors close in April.

Gerry Daly
President, DSA

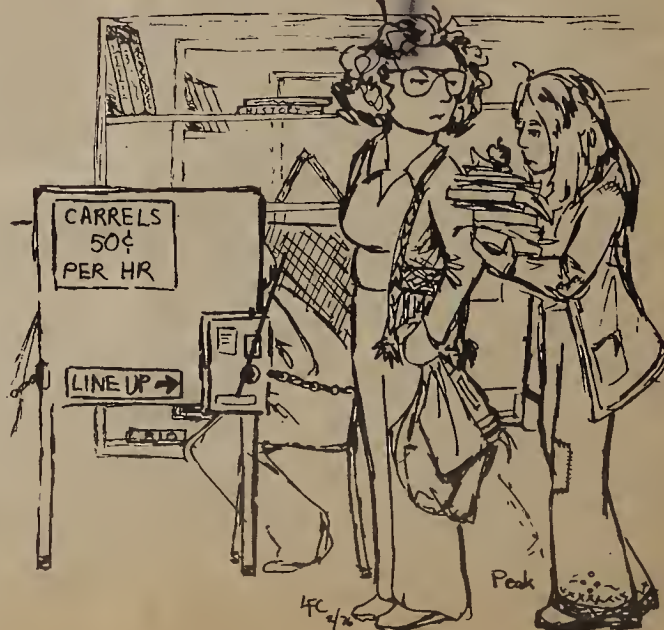
Support the staff

The support staff of this college had a strike vote last Thursday, January 11. The verdict of the vote was that there will be a strike on or about January 22.

I would like to state my support of the striking staff, and ask that all students support them.

I am not alone. The strike at Dalhousie University in Halifax: Economics Professor Mike Bradfield has asked all professional members of the Dalhousie community to donate one day's pay to the strike fund. The NDP caucus for Halifax-Cornwallis has decided to make a \$500 contribution to the strike fund. The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students has made a similar contribution.

THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!



What is the cause of the strike? The following is an excerpt from a story by Phil Hurcomb of the Ontario Region of Canadian University Press:

"But this academic year we have been made aware of yet another area of deprivation brought on by the province's austerity program in social services spending. Support staff at the province's colleges and universities; the real value of their wage is dropping; their numbers are shrinking, and (consequently) their workloads are increasing. They're angry and they're doing something about it."

This is not just another outrageous strike with unsubstantiated claims. The support staff wants only to keep up with the cost of living increases.

I suggest that the students support the striking workers, and not destroy the effect of the strike by doing work the support staff usually does.

Michael Brown

Way out in the Doon docks

Open letter to the Director of the Location of Colleges

Dear Sir/Ms..

Why in the world, or in this area anyway, did you ever dump the college in the middle of the backwoods so far from civilization?

There is no doubt in my mind that the aesthetics of the location were uppermost in your mind; the romantic ideal of students walking among the virgin second-growth forests of south Ontario, books in hand, talking of classical literature or ruminating, under the leafy boughs, on the theories of Einstein.

Yet every day when I take the long winding trail from Kitchener to the college I wonder about the practicality of the location.

Was it the only piece of real estate in the area available to the ministry or is there some other reason, some grandiose scheme that has escaped me?

Mind you, I do enjoy walking the woods around the campus breathing the unpolluted country air between puffs on my cigarette; but do you realize how much it costs me to get to school every day? Not to mention the time consumed.

I must thank you though, for arranging transportation to the college via Dial-A-Ride. I am happy to report that they are well-trained kamikaze types

who can zip through the forest of Homer Watson Park as fast as anyone. I've deliberately sat behind some of the drivers whistling such happy tunes as "the hurrier we go the behinder we get" or "slow but steady wins the race" hoping he'd catch the melody.

Now if you do happen to find some property that is to your liking a little nearer Kitchener I will be the first to volunteer to carry a few bricks to the new location.

—Olav Sveta

What a depressing world

Things are becoming so confused in the world today that it is hard to sit behind a typewriter and write a good editorial about anything.

Everywhere you look something is breaking so fast that it's hard to keep up to date. From the Shah of Iran giving millions to his people to Bette Stephenson taking millions from the students; from astronauts risking their lives in the depths of outer space to the frozen defying trip from Fairview Mall on the B:IS Dial-a-Ride; from Nazi-hunting in the interior of Paraguay (South America) to the cop-hunting in Kitchener; it's a wonder that there are not more crazy people in this world.

Just take a quick surveillance of the last two weeks' newspapers and you will find out just how quickly the world seems to be going topsy turvy.

I was just reading the paper one night minding my own business when all of a sudden this headline jumped out and practically mugged me. "Canada gets first frozen semen bank." What! Run that past me again please. Frozen semen? Oh no! As if test tube babies were not bad enough.

Trudeau is still Prime Minister, worse Joe Clark might be soon, and still worse I hear Ed Broadbent thinks he has a chance. Somebody please tell him.

The Parti Quebecois are more arrogant than before and Britain is being crippled again by more strikes. The great British lion is being crippled by the attacks of its own kittens.

The seriousness of the real world is almost sickening. Things are so serious that one day I think the whole world will go mad.

Maybe we are already mad. I can see it now. Somewhere in space a planet three billion miles away there is somebody watching us through a telescope. He looks at his friend, wipes his brow, loosens the buckles on his white jacket, and says "My God, it's a good thing we left when we did."

EDITOR'S VIEW



Cutbacks.

What?

Cutbacks!

What's a cutback?

Doesn't anyone around here care about the issues?

According to a brochure put out by the Federation of Alberta Students and the National Union of Students, "depending on your campus, a cutback means fewer classroom handouts, shorter library hours, increased class sizes, or a decline in the course and program offerings."

This is one of the issues of which I want to inform you this semester in Spoke. Judging by the reaction of the few people I have talked to, however, Conestoga doesn't know or care about cutbacks. If you don't really care about unemployment, women's issues (which I think should be called people's issues) gay rights, strikes in general, the support strike in particular, nuclear energy, and all the other issues which are, or should be in the news today, then tell us and we'll forget about it. However, I think it's important to all of us.

This was all brought on by the conference I attended over Christmas. For those of you whomised my last column, it was a Canadian University Press conference in Edmonton.

To make a long conference story shorter, we worked about twelve to fourteen hours a day, partied about six, and some slept the rest. That is a rash generalization, but it gives a picture of the conference.

We discussed everything from gay rights to national advertising. There were technical sessions, workshops, seminars, and plenaries (the gathering of all delegates to vote on numerous issues).

As far as the financial aspect of the conference goes, I think we fared quite well. I brought back more than one third of the money I left with. To sum up, I learned a lot at the conference, and I hope the paper is going to benefit a lot from it. This is an open, democratic newspaper, and we encourage everyone to come out and work with us.

Spoke has more than doubled its circulation starting with this issue, and we now distribute to all six campuses of Conestoga College. Many of you are probably reading this paper for the first time. We invite your comment, and ask that you contribute. We would like to hear from all campuses of the college.

Ideally, we would like to have reporters on each one, so that we get news and features from all over Conestoga.

If you have ideas, comments, or want to contribute, phone us at 653-7612, or write:

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All letters must be signed, but we will just use your initials, if you wish.

—Michael Brown

dsa REPORTS

MICKEY LEBLANC

If you enjoy going to Doon campus pubs you had better get your ticket to the Ian Thomas pub quickly because this may be the last of the year.

Pubs have already gone the limit as far as budget is concerned and the Board of Directors have to decide whether or not it is worth spending more of our money on a losing adventure. Not to mention of course the fact that after Ian Thomas and the winter carnival, where Wireless will be featured, pubs may not be worth going to anyway.

I think pubs are a matter of extreme importance because of all the money that has been sunk into them and the possibility of more being wasted. If you think that the DSA should sponsor more pubs or if they should stop, I am sure you could find someone to listen to you at the next DSA meeting, when a presentation will be made to the Board of Directors. The next meeting will be January 23 in 2A57, directions should be available in the DSA office, or, failing that, in the Spoke office.

If you are one of the few who is interested and aware of the Doon Student Association (DSA) and want to get involved in some capacity now is your chance. February 1 nominations open for the board of governors of the DSA.

Elections will be held the Wednesday and Thursday following the March break. After the Board has been elected the president and vice-president will be voted in.

Winter Carnival time is here again. From January 29 to February 2, sporting events such as broomball, ball hockey, a cross country ski race, toboggan pull and spike driving will be sponsored by the Athletics and Student Activities (ASA). A Casino night scheduled for Tuesday, January 30 with DSA funny money should be interesting. Prizes will be put up for bidding at the end of the evening for the people with DSA money.

An advertising blitz will be on to promote the carnival.

Spoke has increased its circulation to 2,500 from 1,200 as of this issue. I would like to invite the students from other Conestoga College campuses to participate in making Spoke a part of their campus. This is easy enough to do. Just call 653-7612 and ask for Michael Brown and he should be able to tell you how you can become involved.

See your name in type!
Write for Spoke.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to welcome all new readers. Spoke has expanded its circulation to allow copies to be distributed to the other campuses of Conestoga College. This expansion doesn't deprive the readers here at Doon. As a matter of fact, Spoke increased the number of copies for our own campus.

By providing every campus—Cambridge, Clinton, Doon, Guelph, Stratford and Waterloo—with newspapers, Spoke is hoping to increase involvement and awareness of the different campuses.

I encourage everyone to write articles about their campus, and submit them to the editor.

I have met with the presidents of each student association of Conestoga. We are trying to open communications with each other, and what better way than with the newspaper.

Today is the Ian Thomas pub at Bingham Park Lodge. Every campus has tickets for sale. I expect there will be students from each campus there tonight. How about you, are you attending? If so, you will be in for a super time.

On or about January 22, the support staff of all colleges across Ontario will be involved in a legal strike. That means that the support staff of this college will be out forming a picket line.

I have met with the union representative for the faculty. He has informed me that the faculty will be crossing the line, and teaching will be normal.

The President of the college told me that the college will be open and will be operating as normally as possible.

Now what about the support staff? Well the union representative, Tom Allan, and myself have discussed the strike. Tom informed me this strike is not against the college, but the Ministry of Colleges and Universities—the government. This strike should not involve the students of Conestoga.

The DSA has been planning Winter Carnival—January 29 to February 2. He has insured us that this strike will not have any effect on our Winter Carnival events. You may find some of the support staff supporting the Winter Carnival.

Winter Carnival is the biggest happening here at Doon. So get out and get involved in the activities. There are excellent prizes for the winners of each event. The awards will be presented on the last day. Friday February 2, in the student lounge.

—Gerry Daly
President DSA

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Spoke Needs Staff

Spoke Staff Meeting
Tuesday January 23, 1979 in the Spoke Office. Anyone interested in being on the Spoke staff should attend this meeting, or talk to the editor beforehand. 3:00p.m. everyone welcome.

Snow, toboggans outside; Games, booze inside

January 31 at 3:30 p.m. The tourney is open to all staff, faculty and students. Interested parties can register in either the DSA or ASA office any time before January 29.

On the same day as the backgammon tourney, Dicky Dean, a magician, will appear in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar, and chili and buns for supper.

Entries for the annual snooker tournament close on January 25 at 4:30 p.m., and the games will be played the week of January 29.

Interested people can sign up for the table tennis tournament in either the DSA or the ASA office. Games begin January 29, and each match will consist of a best two-out-of-three series.

Casino night should appeal to the gamblers in the school. It will begin January 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The two-dollar entry fee will buy you \$500 in DSA funny munny, which will be used for gambling. The games of chance will include Blackjack, Crown and Anchors, and Over and Under. Those who have munny left at the end of the night can bid on prizes which will be auctioned off. Also featured will be a cash bar, subs, kaisers, and other sandwiches.

The Winter Carnival pub will feature *Wides*, whom some of you will remember from one of last year's pubs. Doors will open Thursday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m., and advance tickets will be available in the DSA office for \$3 each.

And now, for those outdoor types in the crowd, the snow-type activities. The traditionally most popular event is the snow sculpture contest. There is a theme, however, which is: Conestoga College Salutes 1979—The Year of the Child. Each team must submit their name and design to the DSA; work can begin January 29, and must be completed by February 2. The first prize is \$100, and the second prize is \$50.

Take out your frustrations on a defenceless spike, in the spike driving contest January 29 at noon. The object is to drive a spike into a piece of lumber in fewer swings than anyone else. Frustrated parties can sign up prior to the event, or just show up at noon on Monday outside the

cafeteria doors.

Race around, but hopefully not through the pond in the toboggan pull January 31. Each team must consist of one faculty member pulled by six other people of any description. Teams can sign up in advance, or just show up at noon on Wednesday.

All would-be lumberjacks, sorry, lumberpeople, can compete in the log-chopping contest on Monday, January 29. The idea is to chop through a log in less time than anyone else. This also takes place outside the cafeteria doors. Sign up in the ASA office, or show up at the time and place of the event.

Most of these events have prizes for the winners (not including the pub), and are open to all students of Conestoga.



Spoke file photo

Last year the ice sculptures drew a lot of attention because of the variety of ideas that went into them. The DSA and ASA hope that this year's event will be even more successful in drawing participants.

bar-hopping with jim HEER

If the name of an establishment is any indication as to its initial success, Whispers on Charles Street in Kitchener should be called Shouts.

The new disco, found directly behind Charlie's Ristorante and Tavern, has caught on fast, and most nights a long wait in line is necessary to get inside.

Once inside, jaws drop in amazement. It seems incredible that Kitchener finally has a "classy" bar. The room begins with several sectional stand-up bars close to the entrance. The dance floor is rightfully the centre of attention. It is circular, and on a platform, surrounded by an upper section of stylish tyffany cut glass.

Aside from the stand-up bar, regular seats range from huge high-back lounge chairs to small cushioned chairs around small round tables. There are also seats for two built into the wall.

The decor is definitely stylish and relaxing, although the music is loud. The music is strictly disco, and most of the clientele seem to be the regular discoworshippers. The range of clientele is limited to Macho Men and Disco Damsels, but don't let that spoil your fun, you can always bring your own date.

There is no cover charge at Whispers on week nights, but two dollars is charged on Friday and Saturday. The dress code is strictly no jeans, and you might feel uncomfortable in anything less than your Sunday best. Drink prices are close to the highest in the city, but then how good could a disco be if you didn't have to lay out a little extra coin.

For a fun evening out, this new disco is worth looking into. Located at 24 Charles St. W. in Kitchener, Whispers is easy to get to by main line bus, or a short walk from Market Square.

—Jim Heer

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SUPERMAN—THE MOVIE: NOT ENTIRELY kids' stuff

When we went to see Superman, the line was roughly a quarter of a mile long. This can be partially explained by the fact that we went to see it in Oshawa, where movies are the pinnacle of culture. But the movie is good, and will be drawing large crowds, no matter what the locale.

Although a large portion of the audience was children, this is not a movie which will appeal mostly to children, but rather the over-18 crowd.

For the adults it is sort of an escapist film, where this world, which tends to be rather complicated and screwed up at times, suddenly becomes understandable and simple. There is a straight division of good and evil, with none of those troublesome grey areas in between, and at the end of the film, good triumphs.

The acting, the special effects, and the humor, which is definitely on the corny side, are especially good.

Christopher Reeve, a new actor who will probably rise to fame after this movie, is Superman. One character sums him up neatly:

"I'll say he's too good to be true— six-foot-four, black hair, blue eyes, doesn't drink, doesn't smoke, and tells the truth."

He is too good to be true, the boy fighting for

"truth, justice and the American way," but he's the son every parent dreams of.

Reeve deserves credit for achieving near-perfection in his double role as Clark Kent and Superman. As Kent, he stutters, is scared of everyone, and is about as imposing as a timid rabbit. As Superman, he is assured, suave, and in control of every situation.

Margot Kidder, a Canadian, plays the part of Lois Lane well. She's cute and pert, and unaware of the affections of her co-worker, the bumbling Kent. But when he becomes Superman, she is the captivated one, bowled over by his charms. He, of course, is the super man every girl has secretly hoped to fall in love with.

The special effects are especially noticeable at the beginning of the movie, when the scenes take place at Superman's original home, the planet Krypton.

Some imaginative mind came up with life-size buildings and interior decorations different than any on our planet, with the buildings resembling crystals or icicles.

The destruction of the planet by a nebulous ball of red fire, complete with bodies hurtling through space, is also effective.

The best special effect is Superman's flight. He takes

off with no visible wires or aids, flies for long periods, and does flips and turns while up there.

He gives Lois the thrill and the scare of her life by taking her for a ride through the clouds.

The humor came through in various circumstances— disbelief on onlookers' faces when Superman performs another feat, Lois' rejection of Clark Kent, and a few one-liners, corny, but funny, such as Superman's comment "Why not take the elevator?" He asks this of a burglar while they are standing parallel to the ground, the burglar wearing magnetic boots to stay on the side of the building.

The movie is worth seeing. It's \$3 that will be well-spent, especially for those of us who remember reading Superman comic books, and watching the half-hour serial after getting home from school in the afternoon.

But it's not necessary to rush out and see it; judging by the line-ups, it will be around for a while.

—Joanne Fairhart

• Superman is now playing at the Lyric theatre in Kitchener.

• *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, a movie I'll be reviewing in the next issue, is at the Capitol 1, and *Pinochio* at the Capitol 2.

• The Cinema, by Market Square, is showing *Every Which Way But Loose*, which stars Clint Eastwood and an ape.

• *Oliver's Story* is at the Fairview Cinema, and *California Suite* is at the Waterloo.

• The Odeon Hyland Cinema is showing *Moment by Moment*, and the Cambridge Twin Cinemas has *Superman* and *Every Which Way But Loose*.

Neil Simon's CALIFORNIA SUITE

The cast of players is definitely an important and impressive one. Jane Fonda and Alan Alda play former spouses who come together in a meeting with a mixture of ultra-sophistication and dry insults carefully combined to present their conversation as both exquisitely brilliant and subtly humorous. On the outside, Fonda is a tough, strong New York woman, but underneath the exterior shell, a frightened mother afraid of losing the love and responsibility of their 17-year-old daughter. Her husband, Alda, plays a changed man, but only from the outside. Again, on the inside, he is the same man he was when he married Fonda—a man who understood life and was able to cope with its ups and downs, something his wife could never accomplish.

Their's is perhaps the most perfectly executed segment of the film.

Michael Caine and Maggie Smith play the role of a married couple staying in California because she hopes to be presented with an Academy Award. Caine portrays the part of a bi-sexual, which only adds to the trite and exceptionally witty, but down-to-earth humor that flows between them. Maggie Smith appears to be, at first glance, the ideal image of a self-restrained English lady with chin held high, but on further examination, as the movie progresses, is merely a realistic woman trying hard to be herself beneath it all.

The next two couples, featuring Bill Cosby and Richard Pryor, both doctors on vacation with their wives, leave in worse shape than when they arrived. From the outset, they experience trouble. They decide to make the lengthy trip from Chicago by car. From that point, everything imaginable goes wrong, and by the end of the movie, Cosby and Pryor vow never to speak to each other again, after attempting to kill each other.

The final couple is played by Walter Matthau and Elaine May. Matthau has come to California in order to attend his son's Bar Mitzvah and his wife is to join him the following day. Meanwhile, one of his friends has hired a prostitute to share his bed for the evening. His wife arrives the next day while Matthau tries desperately to get rid of her, but to no avail. It becomes ridiculously funny to see how Matthau reacts when his wife is knocking at the hotel door.

Although the film shows no connection between the actors and actresses themselves, there is a unique sense of flow between the scenes. At several points in the movie you find yourself unconsciously saying, "Oh, haven't seen them in a while."

Neil Simon may be considered the most productive and creative play-wright and film-writer today.

Believe it or not, Simon's initial theatrical attempt was based on his formula that if you chose several different couples and portrayed them in a similar locality in quick sequence, concentrating on the aspect of their individual uniqueness and differences in reaction with their personal problems, you would have an instant creation.

Simon used his theatrical formula on his first hit, *Plaza Suite*, and again it has appeared in *California Suite*.

The amazing thing about the entire script is that not one of the characters even tries to be humorous. They can't be. They all act as realistically and dryly as

possible with little variation. An attempt to be funny in a Neil Simon creation would only prove to be disastrous since this again, is one of his remarkable traits.

by Desiree Desender

Colts.

Great moments in college life.

On October 12th, after three intensive years of studying the theory of relativity, Wayne Thomson left his lab, lit up a Colts, paused, reflected, and decided to become a phys ed major.

Colts. A great break.
Enjoy them anytime.



Lora Galivan is a 20-year-old medical secretary student. Lora prefers rock to disco, especially Max Webster. She feels that they have a different and original way of performing. She also likes Ian Thomas.

Her hobbies include all types of skiing and sewing. She has a pretty good job to suit her interests, she runs the tow at Chicopee.

She was able to help our photographer a little when he started to complain that he had run out of ideas for original pictures. She has had photo sessions before and offered our bewildered photo man some worthwhile advice. Thanks Lora!



PEOPLE IN PROFILE

Starting this issue Spoke has an old feature with a new twist—People in Profile. The idea is to find interesting men and women to grace the pages of our paper.

If you know of an interesting person just come into the Spoke office armed with an adequate description of the person and some personal background, and what you think is interesting about them.

David Ferguson, 22, is a first-year Recreation student at the Waterloo Campus of Conestoga College.

Originally from Ottawa, he now lives in Kitchener and spends his free time playing intramural volleyball and skiing.

Dave prefers Kitchener to Ottawa mainly because he believes that a change in a person's environment is necessary. He plans to remain in the area and find employment here during the summer months.

Living one day at a time is what Dave believes but someday he would like to see himself as a part of the recreation field, preferably working with children.

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*See OSAP literature for definitions



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Making plans for living your life?

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STANDINGS

Intramural Hockey Standings

TEAM	G	W	L	T	P
1. Flyers	6	6	0	0	18
2. Guelph Wheels	6	5	1	0	16
3. Little Puckers	6	5	1	0	16
4. Muff Divers	6	4	1	1	15
5. Generators	6	3	2	1	13
6. Consolidates	5	3	1	1	12
7. Eagles	5	3	1	1	12
8. Wolves	6	1	4	1	9
9. Marksman	6	0	3	3	9
10. C.C.C.C.	6	1	5	0	8
11. Grim Chiefs	4	1	3	0	6
12. B & G Bulls	6	0	6	0	6

Team Scorers

	Pts
1. Don Massey—Guelph Wheels	18
2. Don Plante—Guelph Wheels	13
3. Scott Roberts—Little Puckers	10
4. Brian Halton—Flyers	10
5. Steve Gardiner—Consolidates	9
6. Bill McArthur—Generators	9
7. Paul Bates—Guelph Wheels	9
8. Bob Farcey—Guelph Wheels	9
9. Tom Fulton—Muff Divers	9
10. Don Randall—Generators	8
11. Jim McIntosh—Flyers	8

Goalie Statistics

	GD	GA	Avg
Terry Mannelle	6	11	1.8
Mark Tunney	4	7	1.8
Sieve Therrien	1.5	3	2.
Bruce Grant	7	14	2.
Mark Pilarski	6	12	2.
Randy Gowlan	4.5	11	2.4
Barry Bonvanie	5	11	2.2
Les Fleisig	3.5	15	4.3
Peter Briant	5	13	2.6
Kris Munro	5	16	3.2
Jamie Niven	3	11	3.7
Don Wolan	6	20	3.3
Kurt Glover	5	21	4.2
Mike Gaulty	3	14	4.7
Larry Rosekat	1.5	14	9.3

Varsity

Men's Basketball

Friday, January 5th

Saturday, January 6th
George Brown In-
vitational Tournament

Game 1	Conestoga	34
	Fanshawe	56
Game 2	Conestoga	70
	Canadore	52

Tuesday, January 9th
Conestoga at Sheridan

Conestoga	56
Sheridan	90

Varsity

Men's Basketball

Home Games (at Laurel Collegiate):

Monday, January 22nd: Mohawk at Conestoga; 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 27th: Northern at Conestoga; 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 29th: St. Clair at Conestoga; 7:15 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Home Tournament (at Laurel Collegiate)

Saturday, January 20th

Away Tournament (St. Clair Chatham)

Saturday, January 27th

Game Results

Intramurals

Hockey

Monday, January 8th	Game 1	Muff Divers	4
		B & G Bulls	2
	Game 2	Marksman	1
		Eagles	4

Wednesday, January 10th	Game 1	C.C.C.C.	2
		Flyers	9
	Game 2	Wolves	3
		Guelph	4

Game 3	Little Puckers	1
	Grim Chief	1

Sports shorts

basketball

27, Morris Lebert 16 and Tom Finlayson 16.

In regular league play the Condors met Sheridan in Oakville January 9. After a very slow start Conestoga came back in the second half, but Sheridan had a significant lead and won the game 90-56. Again Mike Price showed his shooting abilities by accumulating 19 points.

After a loss to the second ranked Fanshawe College 56-34, Friday night, Conestoga played Canadore Saturday in the second round at 2 p.m. Conestoga won the game with a final score of 70-52, breaking a long losing streak.

This win entitled them to proceed to the consolation finals against Humber College, who had won by just one point against Conestoga in their last encounter.

After being down 18 points at the half, Conestoga started to come back but ran into foul trouble and lost three of their starters. The final score was 84-78 for Humber.

Conestoga had several high scorers during the tournament. Mike Price led with a total of 51 points, Mike Minelli had

27, Morris Lebert 16 and Tom Finlayson 16.

volleyball

On Saturday Jan. 20, 1979, the Women's Varsity Volleyball Team, last year's Ontario Champions, will be hosting their first league tournament.

The tournament begins at 12 noon at Laurel Vocational School in Waterloo. Five colleges will be participating in a day-long round robin tournament.

St. Clair College Windsor, St. Clair College Thames, Mohawk College, George Brown College, and Conestoga will compete in a five-

match tournament, consisting of a best two-out-of-three games per match.

Spectators are encouraged to come out and see this year's team and cheer them on to victory.



cross country skiing

On Wednesday, January 24, 1979 the Athletics and Student Activities Office will be hosting an inter-campus cross-country ski race, at the Doon Campus.

The race will be open to all faculty, staff, and

students at all campus locations.

There will be both male and female with the men's race beginning at approximately 3:15 p.m. and the women's race beginning at 3:45 p.m.

Registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Doon campus, however entries will be accepted in the ASA office prior to the race date.

The men's race will be a mile-and-a-half, and the women's race will be one mile.

A second race will be held Wednesday January 31 at 3:30 p.m. during the Winter Carnival as part of the week long Winter Festival of Activities.

Entries for this race will be accepted in the Athletics and Students Activities office.

—Sue McLellan

Announcements

Officials needed for Intramural Hockey.

Timers and Scorers needed for Men's Varsity Basketball

See Karen in the Athletics and Student Activities Office

Ahhh right.

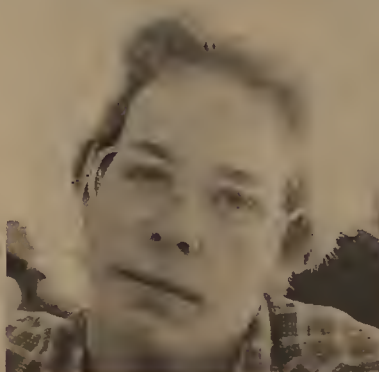


Isn't it the best beer you've ever tasted?

Don Breen the Writing Machine presents campus opinion



"Gerry Daly should look more at what is happening at the school," said Angela Maschke of 3-D Design. She said there is no social life around the school, and the DSA doesn't do much to improve things or get activities going in Conestoga. "Also, one other comment, the pub prices are outrageous!"



Tom Boyd of Air and Water tends to agree with Angela about the social life in the school. "Social life here stinks, and we should move the Blair campus (Nic's) closer to the school," he said. Tom also noted that the school is dull and could use a paint job.



"I like Conestoga very much, it is a lot different from high school. The pubs I have been to have been really good," said Chris Saunders, a first-year Accounting student. The only thing she complained about is that there is too much freedom, and not enough incentive to work.

Trotter to work on special project at Conestoga

Bob Trotter, the Journalism teacher who took a year's leave to work for the new weekly paper in Kitchener-Waterloo, Newsday, will be back at the college this term.

Trotter resigned from his job at Newsday January 2. He said that his resignation from the

paper was due to what he termed mismanagement. He did not agree with their policies concerning firing of some staff members, or their methods of putting out the paper.

"Newsday was run to be a daily, and yet it came out weekly," Trotter said in an exclusive

telephone interview.

Trotter is now working freelance for a local advertising firm. When he is finished there he will be coming back to Conestoga to work on a special project.

Aubrey Hagar, Director of Academic and College Planning, is co-

ordinating the project. It will involve a study of the Journalism course as it is now.

The project will study how much work experience the students in Journalism should get. Changes could be made which would allow the students to enter the

course at several times during the year. Part-time students and people with experience in Journalism may be admitted. Trotter will also be studying the college's policy of letting students with university degrees directly into the third year of the program.

Other related programs such as promotional work and public relations may be taught as a specialized area of Journalism.

In August Trotter will be returning to his position as co-ordinator of the Journalism program.

—Jill Fitzpatrick

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Our new Dean — John Reimer

In December Dean John Goddard left the Doon campus to take on the position as Dean of the Clinton campus of Conestoga College.

John Reimer, Chairman of the Applied Arts Division, had shown interest in becoming Dean. He was asked by President Kenneth Hunter to be Acting Dean until a full-time Dean could be found.

Reimer is glad he agreed. He feels it gives him an excellent opportunity to learn about administration and the other divisions of the college.

"I was reluctant to take on the job full-time, because of the uncertainty of a federal election."

Reimer will be running as Kitchener's PC candidate in the next federal election. If he wins, he will be leaving the college to pursue a political career.

As Acting Dean he is responsible for the operation of the Doon campus. That includes academic faculty, students, programs, and also running the physical plant. He is responsible to President Hunter. Reimer said that students can talk to the Dean about any problems, but most action will be taken through the faculty. Any disciplinary questions can be brought to him.

The college is advertising for a full-time Dean. Reimer, who has been here for ten years,

will go back to his teaching if he loses the election.

Reimer said that if he were the full-time Dean he would continue to

teach one class. In this way he feels a Dean can keep in touch with the faculty and students and not be too isolated from their problems.

—Jill Fitzpatrick

Meeting
Construction Engineering Association
Tuesday, January 23, 1979 Room A43
12:30—1:30 Members and visitors
welcome. Coffee Served.

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